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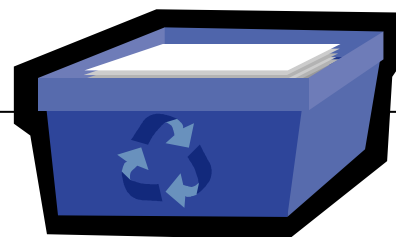
Sorrento Valley

Yard Waste Recycling Comes to Carmel Mountain Ranch

Carmel Mountain Ranch residents who want to recycle grass clippings and other yard waste now have the convenience of curbside pickup. As a result of support from my office, the City's Environmental Services Department recently added this community to its pick-up route. The materials and waste collected from this program are recycled and used for areas such as parks and landscaping throughout San Diego.

In order to utilize this program, homeowners should place their un-bagged yard waste into standard 32- or 45-gallon size plastic trash containers at the curbside on their collection day every other week. Leaves, grass, small shrubs, clippings and small bundles are permitted, while other types of waste, including palm fronds and plywood are discouraged. For more details, go to the Environmental Services website at www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services.

It will be so nice to mow the lawn and know that the cut grass will be recycled and used to beautify our City! I am happy to support this important program.



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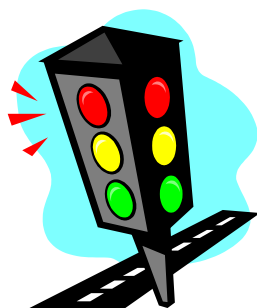
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New Traffic Signal for Rancho Bernardo



I am pleased to announce that through the combined efforts of my office and the community of Rancho Bernardo, the traffic signal project at the corner of West Bernardo Drive and West Bernardo Court is now complete. This project is something the community has wanted for a long time.

I am pleased that the traffic signal will make this previously dangerous intersection much safer.

Rebuild A Greener San Diego

On Friday, April 8, 2005, I presented the first rebate check from the Rebuild A Greener San Diego program to Scripps Ranch residents Bret and Nicole Fitzpatrick, who lost their home in the Cedar Fire. The couple installed a solar power system in their new home. As a result, the Fitzpatrick's were able to take advantage of the rebates offered as part of the Rebuild A Greener San Diego. They received a rebate of \$9,617!

The program is a partnership between the City of San Diego, the County of San Diego, the San Diego Regional Energy Office and San Diego Gas & Electric Co.

The program provides special rebates and incentives for fire victims who use energy-efficient materials as they rebuild homes lost in the Cedar Fire.

While selecting the features of their new home, the Fitzpatrick's chose to install photovoltaic panels on their roof. The residence is the perfect example of how to use solar technology effectively to the benefit of the environment and the homeowners' pocketbook.

I encourage residents who are rebuilding to take advantage of this excellent program. For information about how to get involved, go to the program's web site, www.rebuildsandiego.org. The site explains the rebate packages available. I commend the City, County, SDG&E and the San Diego Regional Energy Office for partnering to sponsor Rebuild a Greener San Diego!



Pictured with Councilmember Maienschein, front left to right: Bret Fitzpatrick of Scripps Ranch; Scott Anders of the San Diego Regional Energy Office; and Michelle Mueller of San Diego Gas & Electric.

Auto Product Recycling Event A Success in Mira Mesa



I am pleased to announce that the City's Environmental Services Department collected more than 30,000 pounds of recyclable hazardous waste at an auto product recycling event at Mira Mesa High School on March 12, 2005. I was pleased to support and promote this successful program.

Thanks to many do-it-yourself mechanics, 1,500 gallons of used motor oil, 12,000 pounds of automotive batteries, 300 pounds of oil filters and 400 gallons of antifreeze were collected at this successful event. The City sponsors Auto Product recycling events periodically to help make it convenient for residents to dispose of hazardous waste.

For more information about other recycling events, contact the Environmental Services Department at (858) 492-5006 or go to www.sandiego.gov.

Maienschein Sponsors “Jewish Family Service Day”

I declared April 11, 2005, “Jewish Family Service of San Diego Day” in recognition of the vital services this organization has provided to our citizens. Founded in 1918 by a consortium of women’s clubs to address many social service needs in San Diego, the Jewish Family Service of San Diego directly benefits families, children and seniors in San Diego by providing employment opportunities in a warm and friendly environment.

The JFS also provides volunteer opportunities such as mentoring children, teens and the mentally ill, as well as providing education and support to cancer victims and their families, and delivering meals to homebound seniors. The JFS actively partners with community leaders to raise funds for services and programs that benefit the residents of San Diego.

It was my pleasure to present the proclamation to Fern Siegel, president of the board of Jewish Family Service of San Diego, and Jill Spitzer, the agency’s executive director, who represent this organization so well.

For more information about the programs Jewish Family Service provides, go the agency’s web site at www.jewishfamilyservicesd.org.



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